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Practicing Public Health: Europe, 1300-1700

An International Conference

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Program

9:15 Welcome and Introduction

9:30 Plenary Session

Keynote Speaker: Carole Rawcliffe (University of East Anglia)

Nurturing the Urban Body: Food Standards and Health in Late Medieval English Towns

Chair: John Henderson (Birkbeck College, University of London)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Panel 1: Public Health and Public Sanitation

Roos van Oosten (Leiden University)

Sanitation Management: The Rise and Fall of the “Cesspit Era” in the Low Countries

Renato Sansa (Università di Calabria)

Cleaning it for Good, Cleaning it for God: Public Sanitation in Rome, 16th-18th Centuries

Chair: Guy Geltner (University of Amsterdam)

13:00 Lunch break*

14:30 Panel 2: Public Health and Medicine

Geneviève Dumas (Université de Sherbrooke)

The Common Good and Health Policies in Late Medieval Montpellier

Annemarie Kinzelbach (Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin)

Quality Control of Surgical Practices in Southern Germany, 16th-17th Centuries

Chair: Dolly Jørgensen (Umeå University)

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Panel 3: Public Health, Order and the Environment

Marie-Louise Leonard (University of Glasgow)

‘Events Pertinent to Matters of Health’: Plague and Public Health in Sixteenth-Century Mantua

Alessandra Foscati (Università di Bologna)

Real Diseases, Simulated Diseases: A Problem of Public Health and Order

Lavinia Maddaluno (Cambridge University)

Freeing the Urban from the Rural: A Case Study in the Early Modern Legacy of Public Health Practices

Chair: Jane Stevens Crawshaw (Oxford Brookes University)

18:00 Concluding remarks: John Henderson and Guy Geltner

*Lunch is provided for speakers and chairs only.